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DIRECTOR, FBI

(NEW YORK (157-1765))

SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATION SCHEDULED WITH WASHINGTON, D. C., FEBRUARY 23, 1967, IN SUPPORT OF ADAM CLAYTON POWELL. RACIAL MATTERS

ReNYtel 2/1/67.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are [redacted] copies of a letterhead memorandum.

Informant mentioned in enclosed LHM is [redacted] b2 b7D

Enclosed LHM is classified "Confidential" because it contains information furnished by [redacted] a source of continuing value, disclosure of which might divulge his identity and have an adverse effect on the national defense interests.

Other logical sources of NYO were unable to furnish any additional information concerning captioned demonstration.

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AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA. [redacted] b7C b7D

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AT WASHINGTON, D. C. Will alert local authorities to possibility of demonstration for POWELL on 2/23/67.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-6-34) and
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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-1765)

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DEMONSTRATION SCHEDULED FOR WASHINGTON, D. C., FEBRUARY TWENTY THREE NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN, IN SUPPORT OF ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, RACIAL MATTERS.

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE, FEBRUARY SEVENTEEN LAST.

ADDITIONAL INQUIRY REGARDING BUSES DEPARTING FOR WASHINGTON, D. C. ON FEBRUARY TWENTY THREE NEXT DEVELOPED FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

[redacted]

2-New York
1-Supervisor #43

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ARTICLE IN NEW YORK AMSTERDAM NEWS, NEGRO WEEKLY NEWSPAPER, FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN LAST, PAGE TWENTY SIX, IS ENTITLED "PRO-POWELL BUS CARAVAN GOING TO D. C." ARTICLE STATES THAT NEW YORKERS WILL LEAVE FOR WASHINGTON, D. C. IN BUS CARAVAN AT FIVE A.M., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY TWENTY THREE NEXT. BUSES ARE TO LEAVE FROM FIVE POINTS IN THE FIVE BOROUGHS OF NEW YORK CITY, AND PASSENGERS WILL BE HEADQUARTERED UPON ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON, D. C. AT NEW BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH, THIRTEEN HUNDRED TENTH STREET N. W. ACCORDING TO ARTICLE, CARAVAN WAS TO BE LED B[redacted] b7C

BY MEANS OF SUITABLE PRETEXT INTERVIEW, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT [redacted] RESIDES A[redacted] NEW YORK CITY.

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HE IS ONE OF ORGANIZERS OF CARAVAN AND IS OPERATING IN BEHALF OF CERTAIN MINISTERS IN NEW YORK AREA, WHO ARE IN THE MAIN SPONSORING THE CARAVAN.

CERTAIN BUSES WILL LEAVE FROM TWO FIVE THREE WEST ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY FIFTH STREET, HARLEM, NEW YORK, AT FIVE A. M. ON FEBRUARY TWENTY THREE NEXT; EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON, D. C. AT TEN A. M. EXACT NUMBER OF BUSES UNKNOWN AT PRESENT TIME. PRESENT INDICATIONS ARE FOR FOUR BUSES.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DEVELOPED WILL BE FURNISHED PROMPTLY TO BUREAU AND WASHINGTON FIELD.

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RENYTEL TO BUREAU AND WASHINGTON FIELD FEBRUARY TWENTY-FIRST, SIXTY-SEVEN.

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Special Agent in Charge

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INQUIRY C[redacted]

INFORMATION DEVELOPED CONCERNING PROPOSED CARAVAN TO WASHINGTON, D.C., ON FEBRUARY TWENTY-EIGHTH WILL BE FURNISHED PROMPTLY TO BUREAU AND WFO. LHM FOLLOWS.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-1765)

DEMONSTRATION SCHEDULED FOR WASHINGTON, D. C., FEBRUARY TWENTY THREE LAST, IN SUPPORT OF ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, RACIAL MATTERS.

RE NEW YORK AIRTEL FEBRUARY TWENTY FOUR LAST.

TELEPHONE CONTACT WITH [redacted] b7c

[redacted] b7c WIFE OF ONE OF ORGANIZERS OF CAPTIONED DEMONSTRATION, ON INSTANT DATE DETERMINED THAT BUS CARAVAN TO WASHINGTON, D. C. ON FEBRUARY TWENTY EIGHT NEXT HAD BEEN CANCELLED INDEFINITELY.

ACCORDING TO [redacted] THE CONSENSUS OF THE b7c MINISTERS IN HARLEM WHO ORGANIZED THE BUS CARAVAN FOR FEBRUARY TWENTY EIGHT NEXT WAS THAT NO GOOD COULD BE DONE AT THIS TIME BY HOLDING THE DEMONSTRATION IN WASHINGTON, D. C., PARTICULARLY SINCE IT IS UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME WHAT PLANS ADAM CLAYTON POWELL HAS AS AN ANSWER TO THE CONGRESSIONAL GROUP WHICH RECOMMENDED FINE AND CENSURE FOR HIM.

[redacted] b7c b7D

1-New York
1-Supervisor #43

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

New York, New York
March 1, 1967

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Demonstration Scheduled for
Washington, D. C., February 23, 1967,
in Support of Adam Clayton Powell
Racial Matters

Reference is made to memorandum dated February 24, 1967, at New York, captioned as above.

On February 27, 1967, telephonic contact with [redacted] New York City, self-identified as the wife of [redacted] one of the organizers of the bus caravan scheduled to leave New York City for Washington, D. C. on February 23, 1967, to demonstrate in behalf of Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, advised that the bus caravan rescheduled to February 28, 1967, had been cancelled for an indefinite period of time. b7c

According to [redacted] it was the consensus of ministers in the Harlem area of New York City, who had organized the bus caravan to Washington, D. C. on February 28, 1967, that no good could be served at this time by demonstrating in Washington, D. C., particularly since it is unknown at this time what plans Congressman Powell has as an answer to the Congressional Committee which recommended that he be fined and censured. b7c

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 11 copies of a letterhead memorandum.

The telephonic contact with [redacted] referred to in enclosed LHM was made by SA [redacted] Collier did not identify himself and no pretext was used.

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Information attributed to [redacted] set forth in enclosed LHM, was furnished to SA [redacted]

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WASHINGTON, D. C.,
FEBRUARY 25, 1967, IN
SUPPORT OF ADAM CLAYTON POWELL
RACIAL MATTERS

CO: WFO

ReNY radiogram to Bureau, WFO, NK, AT, MO, and NH 2/1/67.

All logical racial and liaison sources, Memphis, Tenn., were alerted re captioned matter. All stated they have heard of no plans to contact Memphians and know of no planned organized activity in behalf of ADAM CLAYTON POWELL.

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Powell Will Be Cited At Carnegie Cinema

On Thursday, February 23, the Harlem Citizens For Community Action, will award to embattled Congressman Adam Powell a citation citing him for his "eternal courage and continued free black spirit before the congressional committee that investigated him without constitutional authority." Boro Prexy Percy Sutton will accept the award.

The citation will be awarded at a Compagen Reception following a Harlem Citizens Theatre Party that has been billed a "Keep The Faith, Baby" — Theatre Party.

The reception will follow the 10:15 p.m. showing of "Sweet Love, Bitter" a movie starring Negro stars, Dick Gregory and Robert Hooks. The affair will be held at the Carnegie Hall Cinema, Seventh Avenue at West 57th. Street. The first showing of the film will be at 8:15 p.m.

To Cite Gregory

The Harlem Citizens group will also cite Dick Gregory star of the film for "his sincere committment to the black struggle for equality."

The eight attorneys who defended Congressman Powell before the Congressional Select Committee will be awarded citations also. Proceeds from the affair will be used to launch a national crusade for the reseating of Congressman Powell as Chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee, and to pay outstanding debts for the work the group has done to date on the Powell case, according to the Rev. A. Kendall Smith, chairman of Harlem Citizens For Community Action. Attorney Florence Kennedy is Party Chairman.

N.Y. Amsterdam News 2/25/67

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TO: DIRECTOR (100-51230); MIAMI (157-2565); AND NEW YORK

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ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, JR.

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Date: 3/23/63

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Representative Powell contacted Attorney General and alleged his office telephone has been tapped. Attorney General requested Powell be interviewed for full details. After extensive unsuccessful efforts to contact her, WFO reached Mrs. Dargan at 11:10 a. m. this morning. She advised that she has been unable to reach Representative Powell, but that he was flying to New York City sometime this afternoon. Mrs. Dargan furnished phone number where Representative Powell can be contacted in New York, and New York has been instructed to interview him at earliest possible moment. AAG Miller, Criminal Division advised of efforts to locate and interview Representative Powell.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (139-New)

SUBJECT: Adam Clayton Powell - COMPLAINANT
UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION OR USE OF
COMMUNICATIONS
RE TELEPHONE CALLS

Reference to SAC, WFO evening 3/22/63, from Mr. W. V. CLEVELAND and Assistant to the Director BELMONT on complaint to Attorney General from Congressman POWELL concerning allegation of telephone tap and instruction POWELL be interviewed for facts.

Immediate attempt to contact POWELL's Congressional office and the office of the House Education and Labor Committee, of which he is Chairmen, resulted in no answer. The Capitol telephone operator advised Congressman POWELL had left no forwarding number.

The "Congressional Directory", January, 1962, reflects POWELL's home address only as "New York City, N. Y." and his Washington address only as "House Office Building"; his secretary as "Y. M. FLORES, House Office Building", and the chief clerk of his committee as "LOUISE MARIENNE DARGANS" and "LIVINGSTON WINGATE, Administrative Assistant to the Chairman".

ADD: 1737 S St. NW., Wash. DC

The current Washington telephone directory reflects no listing for ADAM CLAYTON POWELL or LOUISE MARIENNE DARGANS. LIVINGSTON L. WINGATE is listed at 1737 S Street, NW, with telephone COlumbia 5-0884. The Washington City Directory and telephone information developed the address of Mrs. DARGANS, who is also known as Mrs. ROBERT B. FLEMING, JR., according to "The Washington Daily News" issue of 3/1/63, Page 4, as telephone 399-4931 at 3803 Hayes Street, NE, Apartment 2, Wash. DC

Telephonic inquiry at this telephone number disclosed that Mrs. DARGANS no longer resided there but the male party stated that he would have Mrs. DARGANS return the call.

Mrs. DARGANS telephonically contacted the WFO and advised

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that she currently resides at [redacted] b7c
and has telephone number [redacted] She was questioned as to the current address of Congressman ADAM CLAYTON POWELL and she advised that he resides at 16 Gessford Court, SE, Washington, D.C. When querried as to his telephone number, she stated that she desired to contact the Congressman and she would call back after she reached him and secured permission to make available his telephone number.

Mrs. DARGANS called back within a few minutes and advised that she had attempted to reach the Congressman telephonically but had been unable to do so. She stated that she believed that he was out for the evening. She pointed out that she anticipated that he would communicate with her telephonically this evening or in the early a.m. of 3/23/63, at which time she would make known to him the fact that S[redacted] of the FBI b7c
desired to see him. She stated that she would either arrange an appointment with the Congressman or arrange for him to call the WFO.

This will be followed closely and Bureau kept advised.

Telephone information lists a telephone for [redacted] b7c

TELEPHONE CALLS
By ~~telcalls~~ to New York assistance New York Office through SAC BRYANT requested for possible whereabouts of Congressman POWELL during evening. New York Office was discontinued on contact with Mrs. DARGANS.

CC M. Rosen

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TO DIRECTOR AND SAC WASHINGTON FIELD /1/

FROM SAC NEW YORK /139- NEW/

UNSUB., ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, COMPLAINANT. UPUC

RE WFO CALL TO NYO, INSTANT ~~CALL~~ DATE.

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE, ADAM CLAYTON POWELL INTERVIEWED THIS DATE BY SAS [redacted] AND [redacted] AND HE ADVISED THAT HE HAD NOTHING TO ADD TO THE FACTS THAT HE PERSONALLY SUPPLIED TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL CONCERNING THIS MATTER AND DID NOT DESIRE TO REPEAT THESE FACTS, ALTHOUGH HE WAS APPRECIATIVE OF THE AGENTS CALLING UPON HIM. CONGRESSMAN POWELL STATED THAT THE CHIEF CLERK OF HIS COMMITTEE / HOUSE EDUCATION AND LABOR COMMITTEE/ MRS. MAXIENNE DARGANS HAD ALL THE FACTS AND SHE HAS BEEN PURSUING THIS MATTER WITH THE PHONE COMPANY IN WASHINGTON, D. C. CONGRESSMAN POWELL STATED THAT HE UNDERSTANDS THAT THE PHONE COMPANY IN WASHINGTON, D. C., HAS ADMITTED THAT THERE WAS A QUOTE FEED LINE UNQUOTE FROM HIS COMMITTEE PHONE TO A QUOTE SALOON UNQUOTE AND THAT MRS. DARGANS WHO IS DEALING WITH A PHONE OFFICIAL NAMED

~~CORHM SECOND LINE SHD RD " INSTANT DATE", LAST LINE SHD RD~~ 139-1721-2

~~". MRSM ////// " MRS. DARGANS"~~

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[redacted] WOULD HAVE THE FULL INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS.

CONGRESSMAN POWELL REITERATED THAT HE BELIEVED THAT MRS. DARGANS WOULD BE THE PERSON WHO COULD ELABORATE ON THESE FACTS AND DECLINED TO FURNISH ANY FURTHER INFORMATION. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE INTERVIEW WITH CONGRESSMAN POWELL, WHICH WAS CONDUCTED BY THE ABOVE NAMED AGENTS AND MR. POWELL PRIVATELY, IN THE BACK ROOM OF A BOOK STORE IMMEDIATELY BEHIND A SPEAKERS PLATFORM SET UP ON THE STREET AT ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIFTH STREET AND SEVENTH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY, MR. POWELL PROCEEDED TO THE SPEAKERS STAND AND ADDRESSED THE LARGE STREET GATHERING.

THE QUOTE RALLY UNQUOTE WHICH CALLED FOR A NATIONAL UNIFICATION OF THE NEGRO PEOPLE, WAS A PROTEST MEETING AGAINST THE RECENT HAPPENINGS IN MISSISSIPPI AND INCLUDED, IN ADDITION TO CONGRESSMAN POWELL, SPEAKERS DICK GREGORY / ENTERTAINER/ AND MALCOLM X / NATION OF ISLAM LEADER/. DURING THE COURSE OF HIS

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SPEECH, CONGRESSMAN POWELL MADE MENTION OF THE FACT THAT JUST RECENTLY HE HAD DISCOVERED THAT ONE OF HIS COMMITTEE PHONES HAD BEEN CONNECTED TO A QUOTE SALOON UNQUOTE IN WASHINGTON, D. C. WHERE IT WAS POSSIBLE FOR OUTSIDERS TO HEAR HIS MOST PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS AND THAT THE TELEPHONE COMPANY OFFICIALS ADMITTED THIS. HE STATED THAT HE HAS REPORTED THIS PERSONALLY TO ATTORNEY GENERAL KENNEDY AND THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAD FBI MEN WORKING ON THE MATTER.

RUC REPORT BEING PREPARED TO REACH BUREAU THREE TWENTY SIX NEXT.

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Transmitted herewith to the Bureau is the original and four copies of LHM captioned and dated as above. Also for NY is enclosed one copy of this communication.

The information in the predication was received by SAC ALLAN GILLIES from Mr. W. V. CLEVELAND and Assistant to the Director, ALAN H. BELMONT on the evening of 3/22/63.

The interview of Congressman ADAM CLAYTON POWELL at NYC was handled by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] and is recorded referenced NY teletype.

The interview of Mrs. LOUIS MAXIENNE DARGANS was handled by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] on 3/23/63.

The interview with [redacted] C and P Telephone Company, was handled by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] on 3/23/63.

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In view of the information appearing in the enclosed LHM, no further investigation is being conducted by WFO UACB.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
March 24, 1963

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
ADAM CLAYTON POWELL - COMPLAINANT
UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION OR USE OF COMMUNICATIONS

This investigation was initiated on March 22, 1963, based upon a complaint to Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy from Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, in which he alleged that his telephone had been tapped. The Attorney General instructed that Congressman Powell be interviewed for the facts.

Attempts to contact Congressman Powell on the evening of March 22, 1963, and in the a.m. of March 23, 1963, were negative. Information was received that Congressman Powell would be in New York on the afternoon of March 23, 1963.

On the afternoon of March 23, 1963, Congressman Adam Clayton Powell was interviewed by Special Agents (SAs) of the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) at which time he was questioned concerning the allegations that his telephone line was tapped. He advised that he had nothing to add to the facts that he personally supplied to the Attorney General concerning this matter and did not desire to repeat these facts although he expressed appreciation for the SAs contacting him. Congressman Powell stated that Mrs. Maxienne Dargans, Chief Clerk of the House Committee on Education and Labor, possessed all of the facts and had been pursuing this matter with the telephone company in Washington, D.C. Congressman Powell stated that he understood that the telephone company had admitted that there was a "feed line" from his committee phone to a "saloon" and that Mrs. Dargans, who is handling the matter with the telephone company representative named [redacted] would have full information. Congressman Powell declined to furnish any further information. b7C

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Mrs. Louise Maxienne Dargans, [redacted], Washington, D.C., was interviewed by SAs of the Washington Field Office of the FBI on the evening of March 23, 1963. b7C

Mrs. Dargans stated that she is employed as Chief Clerk for the House Education and Labor Committee and that Congressman Adam Clayton Powell is Chairman of this committee. She stated that she has been employed by Congressman Powell for the last 18 years during his entire 18 years in Congress and associated with him for some 37 years.

Mrs. Dargans stated that on Monday, March 18, 1963, at about 3:00 p.m. she telephoned Congressman Powell's office on a private line which runs from her desk in room 430 of the Old House Office Building to Congressman Powell's office, room 459 of the Old House Office Building. She pointed out there are two extentions to this private line in Congressman Powell's office. One is on his desk and the other is on the receptionist's desk. She said that the procedure used to make a call on this private line is to pick up the phone,press a button, and it rings in the Congressman's office. She said when she made this call the receptionist, Corrine Huff, answered in Congressman Powell's absence. She stated that she was in conversation with Miss Huff concerning locating Congressman Powell when she heard a second ring and a male voice said "Dave's East." Mrs. Dargans stated that she was startled and requested the party to get off of the line. She stated that she understood that Miss Huff immediately reported the incident to the telephone company authorities. She said that within one hou[redacted]a repairman from the Chesapeake and Potomac (C and P) Telephone Company, arrived at Congressman Powell's office and placed a call to her. She said she received the call and he stated that he was testing the line. While he was speaking with her a male voice interrupted "Dave's East." At this point the telephone company representative questioned the party as to his location and he advised Pennsylvania Avenue, S. E., between 3rd and 4th. b7C

Mrs. Dargans stated that on her next contact with Congressman Powell she reported the incident to him. She said that the telephone company representative suggested that

the trouble might have been caused by a crossed cable on the street. She advised that since the incident happened, the telephone has been used without any further interruptions of this type.

Mrs. Dargans said that she telephonically contacted Congressman Carlton B. Sickles' office and determined that when Congressman Sickles moved into the office around the first part of 1963 there was a direct line from the office to Dave's East Restaurant. This office had been previously occupied by former Congressman Peter A. Garland. Mrs. Dargans said that she was advised by representative of Congressman Sickles' office that they requested this direct line to be removed from the office sometime around January 3, 1963.

Mrs. Dargans stated that she was in contact with [redacted]C and P Telephone Company), whom she described as a supervisor of Old Senate Office Building, on March 22, 1963. Mrs. Dargans stated [redacted] told her that he had investigated the matter and found that there was a direct line from Dave's East Restaurant. She stated that she understood that the direct line between her office and Congressman Powell's office terminates in the telephone room in the New Senate Office Building. She pointed out that she ascertained from the telephone company representatives that there is a terminal box in her office and one in Congressman Powell's office.

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Mrs. Dargans stated that ever since the beginning of 1963 periodically they have had noises on the line when they picked up the receiver and occasionally the phone would ring and no one would answer.

Mrs. Dargans stated that she was unable to say whether or not any confidential information had been disclosed in telephone conversations between she and Congressman Powell. She stated that the private line is used for confidential communications both of an official and personal nature. She said that certain items have been appearing in the public press and on the radio which suggest to her that some confidential items are being revealed. She said that she was unable to pinpoint even one specific item of information. She said,

"I can't pinpoint any information leaking out. I just don't know." She stated that she first became aware of this condition when the incident took place on March 18, 1963. When questioned as to whether or not she had any suspects as to who might be devulging information, she said, "I can't in good conscience say I know of any suspects." Mrs. Dargans pointed out that the incident could have happened accidentially as the C and P Telephone Company representative suggested.

[redacted] C and P Telephone Company, room 30 B, Old Senate Office Building, advised that he is in charge of all telephone company services for the United States Capitol. b7C

[redacted] stated that on Thursday evening, March 21, 1963, sometime after 5:00 p.m. a telephone call was received by the service engineer, in [redacted] office from Mrs. Dargans, Chief Clerk, House Education and Labor Committee, of which Congressman Powell is Chairman. Mrs. Dargans desired to know the location of the telephone terminal boxes within the Congressman's office. The service engineer advised her that he did not have this information and would be unable to secure it until the following morning.

[redacted] stated that he was furnished with these facts on March 22, 1963, and at approximately 9:00 a.m. had attempted to contact Mrs. Dargans in Congressman Powell's office. At this time he found that she was not in. He stated that at approximately 10:00 a.m. he with [redacted] C and P Telephone Company, contacted Mrs. Dargans. On this occasion Mrs. Dargans informed him of the trouble that they had had with their private line. [redacted] stated that on this occasion he had not been advised that a complaint call had been previously received but he told Mrs. Dargans that he would look into the matter and furnish her with the reason for the trouble on her line.

[redacted] stated that he immediately ascertained that a complaint had been received and that [redacted] a repairman for the telephone company had made the necessary corrections.

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ADAM CLAYTON POWELL -COMPLAINANT

[redacted] stated that he had ascertained that when [redacted] had contacted Mrs. Dargans he had picked up the phone and found that an individual had answered from Dave's East Restaurant. [redacted] had advised Mrs. Dargans at this time that he felt that the lines were crossed and that he would immediately take care of the situation. It was [redacted] understanding that the trouble was cleared up within a period of an hour.

[redacted] explained that the telephone line that Mrs. Dargans was complaining about is a private line, two-way automatic ring line between the office of Mrs. Dargans and Congressman Powell. He stated that it is necessary for this line to terminate in the telephone room in the New Senate Office Building and that it possibly terminates in other portions in the telephone network at the Capitol. He further explained that this line is so designed that when the receiver is picked up the phone will automatically ring on the other extentions.

[redacted] stated that he had further ascertained that for a period of time telephone company employees have been working on the east side of the Capitol splicing cables to service new phones being installed in the Capitol network which includes both the Senate and House Office Buildings. [redacted] advised that he had ascertained that the trouble with Congressman Powell's telephone had resulted from a cable splicer splicing the pair of wires from Congressman Powell's private two-way line on to a spare pair which terminated in Dave's East Restaurant. [redacted] stated that this connection was made accidently and entirely in error on the part of the telephone employee. He stated that it was not noted by the telephone company employee until after the complaint was received from the Congressman's office on March 18, 1963.

[redacted] stated records are maintained by the telephone company as to the numbers of the pairs involved as well as a record of the service calls extended to the Congressman's office in connection with this complaint.

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[redacted] stated that these records are maintained in the Government Test Center of the telephone company at 722 12th Street, N. W., and could be made available for review on March 25, 1963. b7C

[redacted] stated that he did not have available the information as to when the error was made and this connection took place, but he felt that the telephone company records would reveal this information. It was [redacted] opinion that this whole matter was strickly an error and that an examination of the telephone line used by Congressman Powell failed to reveal any indication that the line had been tapped or tampered with.

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1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Fehl
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The Attorney General

March 25, 1963

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In accordance with your request, United States Representative Adam Clayton Powell was interviewed at New York City on March 23, 1963, relative to the alleged tap on his Congressional office telephones.

Mr. Powell advised that he had nothing to add to the facts that he had personally furnished to you and did not desire to repeat these facts. He stated that Mrs. Louise Marianne Dargans, Chief Clerk of the House Education and Labor Committee would have any other details and she had been pursuing this matter with the telephone company.

Mrs. Dargans was interviewed on March 23, 1963, and she explained that there was a telephone on her desk in Room 430, Old House Office Building, which is a direct line into Mr. Powell's office, Room 452. On Monday, March 18, 1963, Mrs. Dargans called Mr. Powell's office and Miss Corriane Huff, the receptionist answered. The conversation started, at which time a male voice answered and said, "This is Dave's East." Mrs. Dargans asked where he was located and determined the location to be on Pennsylvania Avenue, between 3rd and 4th Streets, Southeast, Washington, D. C. The conversation was terminated and Miss Huff called the telephone service located in the Capitol Building. A service man named [redacted] came within the hour and made a test call from Mr. Powell's telephone to Mrs. Dargans' office at which time the male voice again answered. The service man said he was testing the line. Mrs. Dargans said she later reported this to Mr. Powell.

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According to Mrs. Dargans, later in the week she had a talk with [redacted] of the telephone company located in Room 301, Old Senate Office Building, who apologized and

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said the men had been working on the lines which resulted in the "accident" on the telephone. It was established there was a terminal box both in Mr. Powell's office and Mrs. Dargans' office with the same lines going to the New Senate Office Building telephone center.

Mrs. Dargans was asked if there was any confidential information furnished over the telephone to which she replied that she talked to Mr. Powell regarding many things and she could not put her finger on any specific items. Mrs. Dargans was also questioned as to whether she had any suspects, and there were none that she could identify. She was also questioned as to having previous trouble of this nature prior to March 18, 1963, to which she replied there had been some trouble since January 1963, but none like this.

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advised that the first knowledge he had of the incident was on Thursday, March 21, 1963, and he then talked to Mrs. Dargans the following day. [redacted] indicated men had been working on the telephone lines and the trouble had been caused by a "cable splicer" who spliced a pair of lines in Mr. Powell's office with an old line to Dave's East Restaurant. He stated that the men had been working on cables east of the Capitol and didn't know the old line existed until complaint was received.

It was determined that Mr. Powell's office had been previously occupied by Representative Peter Garland who had a direct wire to Dave's East Restaurant for calls at lunch and the like. Congressman Mikulski of Maryland had the office later and had the telephone pulled out, but the telephone at Dave's East Restaurant was not. There were no devices known to be attached to the telephone in Dave's East Restaurant which would indicate there was anyone on the line according to [redacted] He advised b7c that complete records concerning the line would be available in the telephone company office on Monday, March 25, 1963.

The Attorney General

On March 23, 1963, Department Attorney J. Bowles, Criminal Division, was telephonically advised of the above information. It was his opinion there was no reason to carry the inquiry further at the time. In accordance with Mr. Bowles' request, this information was furnished to Assistant Attorney General Miller on March 24, 1963.

This is furnished for your information, and no further investigation will be conducted unless requested.

1 - Mr. Herbert J. Miller, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

NOTE: Memorandum Mr. McGowan to Mr. Bowen 3/28/63.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: March 22, 1963

FROM : C. L. McGowan

SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN ADAM CLAYTON POWELL,
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With reference to captioned matter, the Washington Capital News Service, 3-22-63, reported that Representative Powell had asked the Attorney General to investigate whether his office telephones had been tapped. The Attorney General reportedly promised an immediate investigation. Attached is a copy of the Washington Capital News Service release.

At 9:22 p.m., SAC Gillies of the Washington Field Office telephonically advised unsuccessful attempts were made to interview Congressman Powell. An assistant of Congressman Powell, a Mrs. Maxienne Dargans, was located and is attempting to arrange for an appointment for Agents to interview Powell which will probably be done on 3-23-63.

This is for information.

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(POWELL)

WASHINGTON--REP. ADAM CLAYTON POWELL TODAY ASKED ATTY. GEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER HIS OFFICE TELEPHONES HAVE BEEN TAPPED. HE SAID KENNEDY PROMISED AN IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION.

THE NEW YORK DEMOCRAT SAID "I MAKE NO CHARGES WHATSOEVER." BUT HE SAID HE WANTED THE AUTHORITIES TO LOOK INTO "UNENDING DIFFICULTIES" HE AND HIS STAFF HAVE HAD WITH THEIR TELEPHONES AND THE LEAKAGE OF "ABSOLUTELY CONFIDENTIAL" INFORMATION THAT WAS COMMUNICATED BY TELEPHONE.

POWELL SAID ONE OF THE DIFFICULTIES WAS THAT HIS PRIVATE TELEPHONE LINE WAS BEING SHARED BY A CAPITOL HILL NIGHTCLUB THAT HE HAD NEVER HEARD.

POWELL SAID THE TELEPHONE TROUBLES STARTED THIS YEAR IN HIS OFFICE AND THE HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING ROOMS OCCUPIED BY THE STAFF OF HIS EDUCATION AND LABOR COMMITTEE.

EVEN THOUGH TELEPHONE SERVICE MEN WERE IN THE OFFICES "ONCE OR TWICE EVERY WEEK," POWELL SAID, NO SIGNIFICANCE WAS ATTACHED TO THE DIFFICULTIES UNTIL AN INCIDENT LAST WEEK INVOLVING MRS. MAYIENNE DARGANS, THE CHIEF CLERK OF HIS COMMITTEE.

MRS. DARGANS SAID SHE SAW THE LIGHT FLASH ON THE PRIVATE LINE CONNECTING HER OFFICE AND POWELL'S AND PICKED UP THE RECEIVER. "A MAN'S VOICE ANSWERED 'DAVE'S EAST,'" POWELL SAID.

DAVE'S EAST IS A RESTAURANT AND COCKTAIL LOUNGE ABOUT FOUR BLOCKS FROM THE CAPITOL.

POWELL SAID THE TELEPHONE COMPANY WAS CALLED IMMEDIATELY. HE SAID OFFICIALS SAID THAT A PRIVATE LINE FROM THE OFFICES OF FORMER REP. PETER A. GARLAND, R-MAINE, TO THE NIGHT CLUB WAS DISCONNECTED EARLY THIS YEAR AND APPARENTLY WAS HOOKED ONTO THE CIRCUIT BETWEEN HIS OFFICE AND MRS. DARGANS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, NEW YORK

FROM: SAC, WFO (139-new)

UNSUB; ADAM CLAYTON POWELL COMPLAINANT, UPUC (OO:WFO).

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FIFTYFIVE A.M. AND ADVISED CONGRESSMAN POWELL ALERTED BY HER TO FACT SAS IN NEW YORK WOULD CONTACT HIM. NEW YORK TELEPHONICALLY FURNISHED UPI TICKER STORY OF MARCH TWENTYTWO, LAST, REGARDING POWELL'S REQUEST OF AG TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER HIS OFFICE TELEPHONES HAVE BEEN TAPPED. NEW YORK REQUESTED TO HAVE EXPERIENCED PERSONNEL INTERVIEW CONGRESSMAN POWELL AND OBTAIN ALL FACTS. MAKE NO COMMENT AND IMMEDIATELY FURNISH INFORMATION TO BUREAU.

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Powell has been interviewed by NYO. Afterwards he went on with speech and mentioned wire tap - Running full with it seems only a telephone company matter.

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"HELP, IT'S WORKING . . .'

That Was No Phone Tap, Just a Tap Room

Dave's East Restaurant, at 319 Pennsylvania-av se, is being besieged with phone calls from the Treasury Department, FBI, international news services, local and New York radio stations, who want to know all about a telephone that the restaurant thought had been disconnected six months ago.

"It seems Adam Clayton Powell (D., N. Y.) is after us because he thinks we've been tapping his confidential wire at the Capitol," Bud Price, co-owner of Dave's East, said.

"He apparently called Kennedy (Robert) and told him we were getting information over his phone.

"We don't know what happened. Except when we opened last year," Mr. Price said, "we did install a phone with a direct line to the Capital so congressmen and senators who came here could use it."

But, Mr. Price said, the restaurant had the phone disconnected six months ago because not enough people were using it.

"The only thing we can think of is that the phone company somehow reconnected it and crossed wires by mistake so that we get on Mr. Powell's phone."

Mr. Price was asked if the phone was still working.

"Just a minute, I'll check," he said. Seconds later he reported. "Help! It's working all right. Someone's making a phone call on it!" He said he hung up quickly for fear it was Rep. Powell.

Mr. Price said the restaurant has just opened a new cocktail lounge called "The Graveyard" and just wonders if perhaps the name is too appropriate for all the trouble that seems to be blowing their way.

"It's pretty funny, tho, any way you look at it," he said.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

FROM : A. Rosen

DATE: March 23

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On the evening of March 22, Representative Powell contacted the Attorney General and alleged that his office telephone had been tapped. The Attorney General requested that Powell be interviewed for full details.

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The Washington Field Office was immediately instructed to contact Representative Powell and interview him pursuant to the Attorney General's request. Extensive efforts were made to contact Representative Powell at his office without success. Washington Field Office finally was able to contact Louise Maxienne Dargans, Chief Clerk and Representative Powell's office. Mrs. Dargans advised that Representative Powell was unavailable at that time but that she would be in touch with him either on the evening of March 22 or this morning and would advise him that Bureau Agents desire to interview him. She stated she would either arrange a specific appointment with the Congressman or have him contact the Washington Field Office directly.

Mrs. Dargans was recontacted at 11:10 A. M. this morning at which time she advised that she had been unable to reach Representative Powell but that he was flying to New York City sometime this afternoon. She furnished the New York City phone number of William Hampton an aid to Representative Powell through which Representative Powell could be contacted in New York City.

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Assistant Attorney General Miller of the Criminal Division was contacted and advised of Powell's unavailability for interview and the fact that we had been furnished information as to where he could be contacted in New York City. Miller stated that although Powell's unavailability after making his complaint to the Attorney General was "typical," nonetheless the Department desired that he be interviewed and results furnished to Miller. New York Office

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: UNSUBS; ADAM CLAYTON POWELL

has been in touch with Hampton who advised that Powell is due to arrive New York City about 2:15 P. M. today, will attend a rally at 3:00 P. M. in Harlem, and that he will make arrangements for interview of Powell immediately thereafter.

ACTION:

New York will immediately advise Bureau of the results of the interview with Representative Powell, and this information will be immediately furnished to Assistant Attorney General Miller.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Evans DATE: 3/22/63

FROM : W. V. Cleveland

SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, (DEMOCRAT, NEW YORK) COMPLAINANT UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION OR USE OF COMMUNICATIONS (UPUC)

At 6:40 p.m., on 3/22/63, [redacted] called from the Attorney General's Office and advised that the Attorney General had just received a call from Congressman Powell stating that he, Powell, had found a tap on his telephone. [redacted] advised that the Attorney General desired Congressman Powell interviewed to ascertain the facts.

SAC Gillies of the Washington Field Office has been instructed to assign two mature experienced Agents to conduct this interview and that the interview should be handled as a UPUC complaint. Gillies was further advised that should a technical question arise he should consult with Mr. Conrad.

ACTION:

You will be kept advised of developments.

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Conrad
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (139-84) (C)

UNSUBS; Adam Clayton Powell-
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ReWFO airtel to Bureau dated 3/24/63 enclosing letterhead memorandum same date.

Reference letterhead memorandum contains all information developed during course of investigation and was prepared in form suitable for dissemination. In view of above, no report being submitted and case being closed.

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Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
Congressman ADAM CLAYTON POWELL -
COMPLAINTANT

Character: UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION OR
USE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Synopsis:

United Press International News Service, Washington, D.C. carried story dated 3/22/63, indicating that Congressman ADAM CLAYTON POWELL had requested AGROBERT F. KENNEDY to investigate whether or not his office telephones had been tapped. According to UPI, Congressman POWELL indicated his House Education and Labor Committee telephone was connected with a local Washington, D.C. restaurant and bar. Interview of Congressman ADAM CLAYTON POWELL set forth.

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DETAILS:

On March 23, 1963, the Washington Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation telephonically advised that United Press International had carried a story to the effect that Congressman ADAM CLAYTON POWELL had requested the United States Attorney General to investigate whether or not his office telephones have been "tapped." According to the story, Congressman POWELL indicated he was making no charges, but wanted the authorities to look into the unending difficulties he and his staff have had with their telephones and the leakage of "absolutely confidential" information, and that the chief difficulty was that his private telephone line was being shared by a Washington, D.C. night club, which he had never attended.

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It was also indicated that according to the United Press International story, Congressman POWELL stated the telephone troubles started this year in his office occupied by the staff of his House Education and Labor Committee. Congressman POWELL stated that although telephone servicemen frequently checked his office telephones, no significance was attached to the difficulties until an incident last week when Mrs. MAXIENNE DARGANS, Chief Clerk of the House Education and Labor Committee, saw a light flash on the private line connecting her office and Congressman POWELL's, and when she picked up the telephone a man's voice answered saying "Dave's East", which he explained is a restaurant and bar at 319 Pennsylvania Avenue, Southeast, Washington, D.C. Congressman POWELL stated that the telephone company advised that a private line from the office of former United States Representative PETER A. GARLAND of Maine, to the night club was disconnected early this year and apparently was hooked onto the circuit between his office and Mrs. DARGANS. Congressman POWELL stated that GARLAND's former office was taken over at the start of the new Congress by Representative CARLTON B. STICKLES of Maryland, and that according to STICKLES' office they were of the opinion that the telephone line to the restaurant was removed before Congressman STICKLES moved in.

At the conclusion of the aforementioned interview, Congressman POWELL proceeded to the speaker's stand erected on the street at 125th Street and 7th Avenue, where he addressed a large street gathering at a "rally", which generally called for a national unification of the Negro people in protest against the recent happenings in Mississippi. In addition to Congressman POWELL, other speakers were DICK GREGORY, Entertainer, and MALCOLM X, Nation of Islam Leader.

Shortly after his opening remarks, Congressman POWELL made mention to the gathering of the fact that just recently he had discovered that one of his committee telephones had been connected to a "saloon" in Washington, D.C. where it was possible for outsiders to hear his most private conversations, that the telephone company officials admitted it, and that after he repeated this personally to Attorney General KENNEDY, the Attorney General immediately had the Federal Bureau of Investigation working on the matter.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - [redacted]
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TO : Mr. Rosen

FROM : C. L. McGowan

DATE: March 23, 1963

SUBJECT: UNSUBS: ADAM CLAYTON POWELL
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Re New York teletype to Director and WFO 3/23/63.

Upon receipt of referenced teletype, WFO was instructed at 7:12 PM to contact Mrs. Maxienne Dargans to determine if she would be available for an interview.

Supervisor [redacted] WFO advised Mrs. Daragans would be available for interview at 9:00 PM 3/23/63.

Department Attorney J. Bowles was telephonically advised of the details in referenced teletype and the pending interview. Mr. Bowles advised he desired a "Preliminary Inquiry be conducted to determine what the telephone set up was; determine if there was a light or some device attached to the phone to indicate whether there was any one talking on the line and who had access to the phone extension at the restaurant." Mr. Bowles advised he would maintain contact with this office to determine the results of the interview and additional information regarding the phone. He indicated he would be out but would call.

An attempt was madeto contact AAG Miller at his residence, however, Mr. Miller was out and it was not known when he was expected.

WFO was instructed to contact telephone company officials to obtain information desired by Mr. Bowles.

At 10:20 PM 3/23/63, Supervisor [redacted] WFO, advised Louise Maxienne Dargans was interviewed. Dargans related she has worked for Mr. Powell for eighteen years and has known him for 37 years. Mrs. Dargans explained there was a phone on her desk in room 430 Old House Office Building into Mr. Powell's office room 459. The line is a direct line.

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1 - Mr. Evans - sent direct
1 - Mr. DeLoach

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On monday 3/18/63 Mrs. Dargans called Mr. Powell's office and Miss Corrine Huff, the receptionist, answered. The conversation was started at which time a male voice answered and said" This is Dave's East." Mrs. Dargans asked where he was located and determined the location to be on Pennsylvania Ave., between 3rd and 4th. The conversation was terminated and Miss Huff called the telephone service located in the Capitol Building. A service man name[redacted] came within the hour and made a test call from Mr. Powell's phone to Mrs. Dargans office at which time the male voice again answered/ The service man said he was testing the line. Mrs. Dargans said she later reported this to Mr. Powell. According to Mrs. Dargans, later in the week she had a talk with[redacted] of the telephone company located in room 30B, Old Senate Office Building who apologized and said the men had been working on the lines which resulted in the "accident" on the telephone. It was established there was a terminal box both in Mr. Powell's office and Mrs. Dargans officewith the same line going to the New Senate Office Building telephone center. 67C

Mrs. Dargan was asked if there was any confidential information furnished over the phone to which she replied that she talked to Mr. Powell regarding many things and she could not put her finger on any specific items. Mrs. Dargans was also questioned as to whether she had any suspects and there were none that she could identify. She was also questioned as to having previous trouble of this nature prior to 3/18/63 to which she replied there has been some trouble since January 1963, but none like this/

[redacted] indicated the first knowledge he had of the incident was on thursday 3/21/63 and then talked to Mrs. Dargans the following day. [redacted] indicated men had been working on the telephone lines and the trouble had been caused by a "cable splicer" who spliced a pair of lines in Mr. Powell's office with and old line to Dave's East Restaurant. He indicated men had been working on cables east of the Capitol and he didn't know the old line exhisted, until hs received the complaint. It was determined that Mr. Powell's office had been previously occupied by Representitive Peter Garland who had a direct wire to Dave's East Restaurant for calls at lunch etc. Congressman Stickles of Maryland had the office later and had the phone pulled out but the phone at Dave's East was not. There were no devices known to be attached to the phone in Dave's East Restaurant which would indicate there was any one on the line according to [redacted] He advised that complete records concerning the line would be available in the phone company office on monday. 67C 67C

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Memorandum to Mr. Rosen
RE: UNSUBS; ADAM CLAYTON POWELL

At 11:00 P. M., 3/23/63, Department Attorney J. Bowles, Criminal Division was telephonically advised of the above information. It was his opinion there was no reason to carry the inquiry further at the time. He requested that the results of our inquiry be furnished to him on Monday, 3/25/63.

Mr. Bowles also desired that AAG Miller be advised of the above information about noon 3/24/63 and indicate at that time that this matter has been furnished to Mr. Bowles.

ACTION:

AAG Miller was advised of the above information at 9:30 A. M., 3/24/63. A memorandum for the AG has been prepared. Mr. DeLoach's office has been advised.

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From Garland to Sickles to Powell

Cafe Phone Wired Into Capitol

By Jerry Doolittle
Staff Reporter

For weeks the white phone behind the bar of Dave's East Restaurant had been hanging quietly on the wall, acting for all the world like the disconnected phone it was.

Once it had been a busy, important phone, summoning lawmakers to the floor of the House of Representatives, four blocks away.

It ran directly from the restaurant to the office of Rep. Peter A. Garland (R-Maine). Whenever Garland's secretary wanted to tell her boss a vote was coming up, she picked up the phone and it automatically rang in Dave's East.

But after Garland was defeated last fall, his office was taken over by Rep. Carlton R. Sickles (D-Md.), who had the phone in his office removed. But the white phone in Dave's East remained, leading nowhere.

Last Monday, however, the white phone began to ring again. "We would pick it up," said Allen Price, 28, one of the restaurant's owners, "but there'd be nobody there."

On the second day a Hungarian waiter named Andrew Pierre answered one of the mysterious calls. "A lady and a gentleman were talking," he recalled. "When I said 'Dave's East', everybody stopped talking. The lady said what do you mean Dave's East and I said Dave's East Restaurant."

The lady, as it turned out, was a clerk on the House Education and Labor Committee, whose chairman is Rep. Adam Clayton Powell (D-N.Y.).

When told about it, Powell became suspicious. There had been a great many mysterious flashings of phone lights and clickings on the line and leakings of confidential information lately. It looked like a job for the FBI.

So, on Friday, Powell called Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, who assigned an agent to find out if the Congressman's phones were really tapped.

The great phone probe is not over yet, but certain clues can be placed together, even if they do not yet form a coherent whole.

Dave's East had had a good deal of trouble in recent weeks with its telephone intercom system. Repairmen were brought in.

Sickles had had the phones rearranged when he moved into his office in January. Repairmen were brought in.

The Education and Labor Committee has been having trouble with its phones in recent weeks. Repairmen had been brought in.

Rep. Garland, the man who had had the white phone installed, was a member of the Education and Labor Committee. He had a line from his office to the Committee's offices.

"God knows we didn't have anything to do with it," said David L. Schap, 37, a co-owner of Dave's East.

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By Wally McNamee, Staff Photographer

David L. Bishop, one of the owners of Dave's East Restaurant at 319 Pennsylvania ave. se., poses with the white telephone behind the restaurant's bar that has apparently been mysteriously tied in with a phone line in the office of Rep. Adam Clayton Powell (D-N. Y.).